

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 28, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. MAPLEWOOD HOTEL. White Mountains, N. H. Saturday, Aug. 28, 1904. My darling Alec:

Do you begin to think I'm never coming home? I stopped writing because I thought I was coming, but having got Mamma into a fix I can't leave her alone can I? I certainly can't, that's flat. You see she made all her arrangements to go Friday and then Bert and Elsie said they'd come so she gave her tickets up, and now she can't get any more till Wednesday. Helen telegraphed she'd come which would have relieved me, but afterwards found she could not get away till Friday, no accommodations. I have telegraphed Bert to St. Johns if he and Elsie could get here and go with Mamma to Washington I could leave her Tuesday and get home Wednesday, but I simply cannot leave Mamma alone. For one thing she is already used up just by all this fuss over trains and trying to connect, she can apparently stand any amount of physical fatigue, but the effort to plan and decide worries her, and as I am the only one of the family at hand I must stand by her until she is started off or some one comes. It makes me so mad to have her bothered and she has lost her visit to Mrs. Page, first through her desire to help Helen who she thought ought not to be left alone, and then because Bert and Elsie were coming, and now I am detained because when Helen finally wants to come she can't. Rest assured I am coming the first moment I can, but I won't leave my sweet little Mother until she is with some friends. There are lots of nice people here who know her or her family and she is having a good time with them, but they can't take responsibility from her, and that is what she needs. I begin to dread the reception to the Geographic for her, she said today she'd rather be anywhere else than Twin Oaks just that week, but she will do all right.

I am so glad about your father, will telegraph tomorrow.

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Love to you all, Your Mabel.